

Appl. No. 09/803,029  
Amendment dated May 24, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of February 20, 2004

### REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application.

The Examiner's several courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a telephone interview conducted on June 15, 2004 are noted with appreciation. During the interview, the Examiner has indicated that independent claims 1, 13, 23 and 27 make reference to the phrase "close and thus activate the induction loop" and the phrase "close the induction loop" which are vague. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-31 are allowable if the ambiguities are remedied. In response thereto, and for purposes of expedition, base claims 1, 13, 23 and 27 have been reviewed and amended to overcome the alleged ambiguities in order to place all claims in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at the Washington DC area office at (703) 312-6600.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, No. 01-2135 (Application No. 0171.39379X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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